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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR ENERGY: DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN TRAINING

OF BRAZILIAN TECHNICAL STAFFS

1. ACCORDING TO "JORNAL DE BRASILIA", NUCLEBRAS, BRAZIL'S NUCLEAR COMPANY, HAS RECENTLY ENTERED INTO ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES OF RIO DE JANEIRO AND MINAS GERIAS FOR THE TRAINING OF EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR ENERGY.

NUCLEBRAS PRESIDENT PAULO NOGUEIRA BATISTA HAS EMPHASIZED THE GOB'S OBJECTIVE TO TRANSFER HIGHLY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES TO BRAZIL. ACCORDING TO NOGUEIRA, THE TRAINING OF PERSONNEL WILL INCREASE THE COST OF THE BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR ENERGY PROGRAM BY 20 PERCENT, BUT IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THE TRANSFER OF THIS TECHNOLOGY, TECHNICAL STAFFS MUST BE TRAINED, ABLE TO ABSORB AND ADAPT FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY TO DOMESTIC CONDITIONS. NOGUEIRA BATISTA ALSO STRESSED BRAZIL'S UNCLASSIFIED

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INTENTION TO DEVELOP AN INDEPENDENT NUCLEAR ENGINEERING

CAPABILITY IN ORDER TO ASSUME FULL CONTROL OF NUCLEAR OPERATIONS.

2. ON APRIL 12, O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO REPORTED THAT BRAZIL AND JAPAN MAY JOIN IN A COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE TRAINING OF TECHNICIANS AND THE EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE IN NUCLEAR ENERGY. THE PROGRAM WAS REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED DURING A MEETING ON APRIL 11 BETWEEN BRAZILIAN FONOFF OFFICIALS AND THREE EXPERTS OF JAPAN'S NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMISSION. THE ARTICLE ALSO NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH BRAZIL-JAPAN COOPERATION ON NUCLEAR ENERGY HAD ALREADY BEEN THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSIONS DURING FORMER PRIME MINISTER TANAKA'S VISIT TO BRAZIL, THE FIRST CONCRETE STEP TOWARDS ITS REALIZATION WOULD BE TAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH PRESIDENT GEISEL'S PROJECTED VISIT TO JAPAN IN OCTOBER 1975.

3. THE ARTICLE ALSO CLAIMED THAT THE TRAINING OF TECHNICAL STAFFS MIGHT BE A MAJOR ISSUE IN BRAZIL-WEST GERMAN NUCLEAR ENERGY NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, THE RESULTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD ONLY BE DISCLOSED DURING FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA'S VISIT TO WEST GERMANY, PRESENTLY PROPOSED FOR JULY 1975. DURING THIS TOUR, SILVEIRA WILL ALSO VISIT FRANCE WHERE A JOINT PROJECT FOR THE UTILIZATION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN MARITIME TRANSPORTATION IS BEING DEVELOPED.

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